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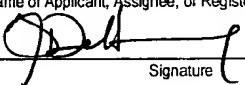


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/825,400  
Applicants: Mutsuhiro YAMANAKA, Hironori SUMITOMO, and Yasuhisa KINTO  
For: IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS, METHOD AND CAMERA HAVING MULTIPLEX IMAGE TAKING MODE  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated July 12, 2005, be extended for three months to January 12, 2006.

A response to the Office Action, dated July 12, 2005, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the three month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable,


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